

**REMARKS**

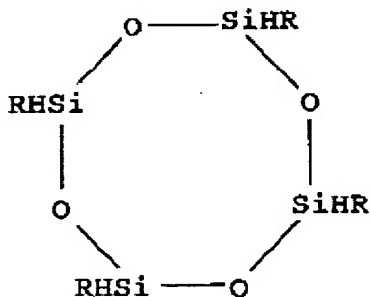
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. Applicants have amended the definition of “c” in claim 1 from “c is 0 or 2” to “c is 2.”

**Priority Document**

The Office Action Summary fails to acknowledge applicants’ claim for foreign priority under 35 USC 119 and receipt of the priority document. A certified copy of the priority document JP 2000-10146 was filed in the parent application, Application No. 09/753,569. Acknowledgement of receipt of the certified copy of the priority document is respectfully requested in the next communication from the Examiner. **This is applicants’ second request this acknowledgement.**

**Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102**

Claims 6 – 8 and 10 - 11 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 5,635,250. Applicants have amended the claims to overcome the prior art rejection of anticipation by US’250. The claimed compounds having the formula (1) are linear compounds, but cannot become the circular compounds as shown in, for example, Table 1 of US ’250, and also the moieties of “(R<sup>1</sup>HSiO)<sub>a</sub>” and “(R<sup>2</sup>R<sup>3</sup>SiO)<sub>b</sub>” cannot form the following circular compound even in the case of a = 4 or b = 4, in contrast to the compound disclosed in US ’250.



This is because each moiety should link the other moieties to form the compound (1) and also because the present compound does not use the linking group “Z” unlike US ’250. The linking group “Z” is oxygen, sulfur, phosphoro, amino, -O-, -O-Y-O-, -NX-NX-, -NX-Y-NX-. See col. 6,

lines 43 - 54 of US '250. Consequently, applicants urge that the present invention is neither disclosed nor suggest by US '250, and the outstanding rejection should be withdrawn.

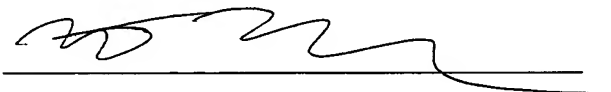
**Conclusion**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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